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Navigation Notice

River: **UPPER MISSISSIPPI RIVER** Date: **15 SEPTEMBER 2012**

Notice No: **PN 12-14** Effective Period: **09/15/2012 until further notice**

In Reply Refer to: **CEMVS-OD-N** **Rivers Project @ 314-630-6280**

SPECIAL NOTICE TO NAVIGATION INTERESTS

Locks 27, Upper Mississippi River Mile 185.5

1. All navigation interests are advised that both the Main and Auxiliary Lock Chambers at Locks 27 in Granite City, IL will be closed until further notice effective at 1600 today. Last night the downstream protection cell developed a breach in the interlocking sheet piles and began to spill the rock fill into the approach area of the 1200-foot main lock. While the spilled rock remains an obstruction to the approach to the main lock, our engineers have determined that the cell is not stable enough for tows to touch or even for wave action caused by any water craft. Crews are in the process now of removing the remaining rock from the cell. We hope to have a better estimate of closure duration by morning.
2. All navigation interests should be alert for, and abide by, any special instructions that may be issued by the Lockmaster during this closure.

FOR THE DISTRICT ENGINEER:

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